

FRANCO-AMERICANS REACH AISNE
IN SWIFT PURSUIT OF GERMANS

Kaiser's Forces Are Reported to be In Full Flight on Long Front North of Vesle River, Their Escape Having Been Threatened on the West

BRITISH ARE NOW STANDING
BEFORE GATES OF CAMBRAI

In the Noyon Region the Germans Are Retreating and the French Are Within Two Miles of the Important Road Center of Ham

(By the Associated Press.)

The British after their victorious drive through the Hindenburg defenses are knocking at the gates of Cambrai, but apparently are momentarily pausing before attempting to force an entrance. Prisoners to the number of more than 16,000 and guns exceeding 100 in number have been taken by them in this advance.

Meanwhile the center of greatest activity has shifted to the Franco-American front, where the Germans are in full retreat on a wide front north of the Vesle, with the French and Americans in pursuit and reported as having reached the Aisne in their chase.

Between these two sectors, another notable German retrograde movement is in progress. The French pressure in the region north and east of Noyon has forced a German retirement on a wide front in this sector, and advances of five to seven miles have been scored by the French forces within the past 48 hours.

The town of Guiscard has been captured and the French have pressed beyond until they now are but little more than two miles from the important road center of Ham. They are approaching Ham on both sides of the Somme, and its speedy fall seems probable. The Germans are apparently heading back for the St. Quentin-La Fere line.

Between the Ailette and the Aisne the French also are gaining ground. They have crossed the Aisne at several points northeast of Soissons and have taken the town of Misy-sur-Aisne on the north bank, where they already were in possession of Bucey-le-Long. Farther north on this front they have taken the towns of Bray and Clamecy.

The Franco-American operation on the Vesle front has been extended farther eastward towards Rheims and new crossings have been effected on the two and one-half mile front between Venteaux and Jochery, seven miles west of Rheims.

In the north the Germans are continuing to move backward along the Flanders front. The British are accelerating the retirement by sharp attacks, in one of which they captured the village of Ploegsteert. They have regained their April line on the southern part of this front, from Neuve-Chapelle to Givency, and have even pushed beyond it in spots to the eastward of Givency.

The Germans still are clinging to the Messines ridge, the highest ground of this sector, but from the manner in which they are being forced back farther south it seems doubtful if they will be able to hold it much longer.

On the Douai-Cambrai front and immediately to the south, the enemy gives signs of stiffening resistance, but nevertheless the British have moved farther ahead at various points. Their most notable gain was southeast of Bertinourt, where they took additional ground east of the Canal du Nord and captured Neuville-Bourjival.

The Germans made an effort to dislodge Field Marshal Haig's forces from their position along the canal, east of Cambrai, attacking at Inchy-en-Artois. They were repulsed, however, as they were farther south in an attack east of Manancourt.

GERMANS RETREATED
ALL NIGHT LONG

But French Kept Close on Their Heels, Going East of the Canal du Nord, Says the French Official Statement.

Paris, Sept. 5.—The German retreat before the French northeast of Noyon continued during the night, says today's war office announcement. The French troops kept in touch with the enemy rear guards and pushed after the retreating foe east of the Canal du Nord.

Advancing north of the Vesle, French and American troops reached the crest of the ridge dominating the river Aisne. In the Nesle region, on the Somme front, the French crossed the Somme canal near Voyennes and Offoy. Just to the south they have reached the region beyond Hombleux, Emery-Hallon and Flavy-le-Meldeux.

Between the Ailette and the Aisne the towns of Clamecy, Bray and Misy-sur-Aisne have been captured.

The operation on the Vesle has been extended to the east and a crossing has been effected between Venteaux and Jochery, a two and a half mile front.

The text follows:

"During the night French troops maintained contact with the enemy rear

BRITISH ARE BACK
ON THEIR OLD LINE

They Have Even Passed It at a Place East of Givency, Marked Progress in Flanders Having Been Made.

London, Sept. 5.—Marked progress was made by the British last night along the Flanders front, today's war office report says. Ploegsteert village and hill 63, southwest of Messines, have been captured.

On the Lys front the British hold the general line of Voormezele, Wulverghem, Ploegsteert, Nieppe, Laventie and Givency.

From Neuve Chapelle southward to Givency, the British have reached the line they held up to the German attack on April 9 last, while to the eastward of Givency, sections of the old German positions have been taken.

On the battle line in front of Cambrai an improvement in the British position south of Moeuvres is reported. The positions to the east of Hermies, near the Canal du Nord, just to the south, also have been improved. Farther south the British have captured the village of Neuville-Bourjival, east of the Canal du Nord.

More than 16,000 prisoners and more than 100 guns have been taken by the British in the past four days.

The text reads:

"Sharp fighting took place yesterday north of the river Lys. During the morning our troops attacked and captured hill 63, southwest of Messines, taking over a hundred prisoners. In the afternoon we attacked and captured Ploegsteert village with another hundred prisoners and a number of machine guns. North of hill 63 our troops were continuously engaged in the sector of Wytehaete, where the enemy attacked repeatedly but without success.

"On the Lys front our troops now hold the general line of Voormezele, Wulverghem, Ploegsteert, Nieppe, Laventie, Givency.

"South of Neuve Chapelle as far as Givency we have regained the old line held by us prior to April 9 and east of Givency we have captured portions of the old German positions.

"On the southern battlefield the enemy strongly attacked our new positions at Inchy-en-Artois yesterday evening but was repulsed after sharp fighting.

"We have improved our positions south of Moeuvres and east of Hermies and have taken Neuville-Bourjival.

"The enemy counter-attacked yesterday evening east of Manancourt and was repulsed. Fighting has taken place also in the neighborhood of Peronne and our line has been improved slightly.

"During the past four days the British troops have taken over 16,000 prisoners and more than 100 guns."

BALL PLAYERS
BEGIN STRUGGLE
FOR WORLD TITLE

Ridiculously Small Crowd Awaited Opening of Gates in Chicago Park For Opening Clash Between Red Sox and Cubs.

Chicago, Sept. 5.—With clear and warm weather predicted, the Chicago Nationals and Boston Americans at 2:30 this afternoon were scheduled to make a belated start in their battle for the baseball championship of the world. Weather permitting, the clubs will play here to-day, to-morrow and Saturday and will entrain Sunday for Boston, where the remaining games of the series will be staged, beginning Monday, until one club has won four games.

Despite the fact that the present season marks the swan song of baseball until the war is over, interest was at a lower ebb this year than ever before, in the opinion of world's series veterans. About one hundred persons were in line at 8:30 o'clock this morning waiting for the gates to open.

Managers of both clubs said to-day they contemplated no eleventh hour changes in their line-up. There was a possibility, however, that Dave Shean might be replaced in the Red Sox infield as the result of a split finger sustained in practice Tuesday. Jack Coffey was picked to substitute in case the injured second baseman proved unable to play. Following is the batting order:

Chicago
Hooper, rf.....rf, Plack
Shean, 2b.....as, Hollocher
Strunk, cf.....cf, Mann
Ruth, 1b.....1b, Morley
Scott, ss.....ss, Pickett
Coffey or Thomas, 3b.....3b, Deal
Schang, c.....c, Kilgus
Mays or Bush, p.....p, Vaughn or Tyler

At 11 o'clock 2,000 spectators were in the stands. In previous years on such occasions the grounds have been filled to capacity except in the reserved sections, where ticket holders felt secure of the seats.

The weather was dull and chilly, with occasional flashes of sunshine.

LARRY GARDNER TO GO
INTO OVERSEAS WORK

Athletics Third-Sacker Expects to Sail Soon from Enosburg Falls, Where He Has Been Staying Since the Close of League Season.

Enosburg Falls, Sept. 5.—Larry Gardner, who played third base during the past season with the Philadelphia Americans, has applied for a berth as a physical director for the Y. M. C. A. overseas and expects to be appointed and start for France soon. Since the close of the American league season, he has been staying at his farm here.

KAISER CALLS
FOR SUPPORT

Appeals to German People to Stand United for the Fatherland

AGAINST FOES FILLED WITH HATE

Refers to "Present Decisive Battles" in Message to Munich

Amsterdam, Sept. 5.—Emperor William has telegraphed the municipality of Munich a message in which he alludes to the fighting now in progress as the "present decisive battles," and declares the German people will unitedly stand with all their strength in defense of the fatherland.

"The German people understand the difficulty of the present decisive battles against an enemy filled with hatred, jealousy and the will to destruction, but has unanimously decided to devote all its strength to defend against its enemies' assaults its sacred soil and its Kultur, which it had won in peaceful work."

BERLIN ANNOUNCES
THE BIG RETREAT

By Saying That British Pressed Forward Against New German Lines in Lys Salient and French Were Able to Advance but Slowly Between the Somme and Oise Rivers.

Berlin, Sept. 5 (via London).—Between Ypres and La Bassée, in the Lys salient, the British yesterday pressed forward against the new German lines, the German war office announced to-day.

Between the Somme and the Oise rivers, the statement adds, the Germans continued their movement out of the region of Roye. Rear guards which had been left behind to retard the French followed the Germans slowly.

The German war office says the French with weak detachments have about reached the Voyennes-Guiscard-Appilly line.

"To the east of Soissons," the statement says, "we withdrew our defense from the Vesle river in accordance with plan."

Strong enemy attacks south of the Ailette river near Terny-Sorny, Clamecy and Bucey-le-Long failed, according to the announcement.

EXPECT MACHINISTS
TO RESUME WORK

Following Statement by Umpire in the Disagreement in Munitions Plants in Bridgeport.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 5.—An interpretive statement by Otto M. Eidlitz, supplementing his award as umpire in the Bridgeport, Conn., munition workers' wage controversy, announced to-day by the war labor board is expected to result in the return to work of 6,000 machinists now striking because of dissatisfaction over the award.

The statement says workers are not barred from classification into groups, as the machinists believed, and that such classification may be obtained by collective bargaining with local boards.

Mr. Eidlitz made his statement at the request of Secretary Baker. He makes it clear that the workers are expected to stay at their posts under present conditions until their differences can be permanently adjusted.

"It would be fully within the province of local boards to create other subsidiary boards, and it was not the intent to bar the establishment of classification of trade and minimum wage. In other words, it was recognized that a serious controversy existed at Bridgeport and that it was not fair to adjust arbitrarily without proper discussion and reasonable time for conference, since the six months' period for this board with the aid of the employees and employers, to devise ways and means to adjust the controversy.

"It is to be noted also that the award gives the right to either party to appeal to the national war labor board at any time."

THREE COACHES
WENT INTO DITCH

Two Men Were Killed and 45 Were Injured on Rock Island Railroad in Oklahoma.

Chickasha, Okla., Sept. 5.—Two men were killed and 45 were reported injured when three coaches of south-bound Rock Island train No. 11 left the rails and went into a ditch to-day between Duncan and Comanche, Okla., south of this city.

HANCOCK MAN HURT.

Harry B. Dekay's Condition Reported to Be Favorable.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 5.—Casualties were announced by the navy department as follows: Harry B. Dekay, machinist's mate, Hancock, Vt., and Thomas Randolph Symcock, chief quartermaster, Baltimore, were injured in an airplane accident at Key West, Fla., Sept. 1. The condition of both men is reported favorable.

VAST INCREASE
IN R. R. WAGES

Nearly a Million Employees Are to Get One Dollar a Day Advance

ADDS \$150,000,000 TO ANNUAL PAY-ROLL

Change Made on Recommendation of the Advisory Board

Washington, D. C., Sept. 5.—Nearly a million employees, including all clerks, track laborers and maintenance of way men, are to receive wage increases of \$23 a month, the equivalent of one dollar a day, or twelve cents an hour, over the pay they received last January, under a wage order issued today by Director General McAdoo. Advances are effective as of Sept. 1.

This order, affecting half the railroad men in the United States and adding approximately \$150,000,000 to the annual payroll in calculations of labor representatives, represents the second largest aggregate wage increase ever granted in American industrial history. It is supplementary to the general railroad wage order issued nearly four months ago, providing for about \$300,000,000 in increases, and for the classes of employees affected it supplants provisions of the order.

Most of the employees covered by the new order have made considerably less than \$100 a month, and the voluntary increase was decided on by the director general after investigation by his advisory board of railroad wages and working conditions of the pay of men doing similar work in other industries.

In the main, this board's recommendations were followed. The order specified that eight hours is to be considered the basic day, but overtime up to ten hours is to be paid pro-rata, with one and one-half regular rate for overtime past the ten hours. Specific rules are laid down for the promotion of employees on grounds of merit and seniority.

Other regulations forbidding dismissal of employees without cause, and providing for hearing on appeal resemble the rules now in effect under government civil service. These restrictions will affect mainly the half million railway clerks.

Thousands of women clerks employed by the railways are to receive the same pay as men for similar work, but the interpretation of "similar work" is left to executives.

Back pay from January 1 will be made under the former general wage order and the advances now granted will be figured on top of the wage last January 1, rather than on the pay received in the immediate past under the general wage increase. Minimum rates of pay are for all classes covered by the order, but increases of \$25 a month, applied if the employee worked on monthly or weekly basis, and of twelve cents an hour, applied if the employee worked by the hour, in many cases will run the actual new rate above the minimum.

In no case are wages under the general wage advance order to be decreased. Wages for new positions are to be in conformity with rates for similar kind of work.

"Promotion shall be based on ability, merit and seniority. Ability and merit being sufficient, seniority shall prevail." This provision does not apply to personal officers, forces of superintendents, trainmasters, division engineers, master mechanics, general freight or passenger agents, and similar offices, where the management is to be the judge of promotions.

The order does not apply in cases where amounts of less than \$30 a month are paid to individuals for special part time services. Employees assigned to higher rated positions are to receive the higher rates, but those demoted temporarily are not to have their wages reduced. When called to work outside of established hours, employees will be paid for a minimum allowance of three hours.

An employee disciplined, or who considers himself unjustly treated must be given a fair hearing by his immediate superior if he asks for this in writing within five days. A decision must be given within a week and the employee then may appeal to the next higher officer. In these proceedings, he may be assisted by a committee of employees.

Other similar rules governing dismissals or disputable treatment were established as a means of giving clerical forces, most of which are not organized, a measure of the protection already built up by unionized classes.

The new rates of pay are to be incorporated into existing contracts and future agreements, and differences of opinion between employees and railroad managements are to be referred to the labor division of the railroad administration.

URUGUAY MISSION IN BOSTON.

Program of Sightseeing, Receptions and Entertainments Provided.

Boston, Sept. 5.—The special Uruguayan mission to this country, headed by Dr. Baltasar Brum, minister of foreign affairs, was the guest of this city to-day and a program filled with sightseeing, receptions and entertainments was carried out. Upon the arrival of the party early to-day, a reception was held followed by breakfast, attended by state and city officials. The visitors had luncheon as the guests of Harvard university with President Lowell as the host.

To-night, the city will tender a banquet in honor of the Uruguayans.

LONG LOST DRAFTED MAN
GOES TO CAMP UPTON

Lars Christenson of Barre, Being a Danish Subject, Didn't Have to Go But He Wanted to Get Into Service—Washington County and Orange County Men Are Off for Camp Upton.

The contingents from Washington and Orange counties left Montpelier this morning for Camp Upton, N. Y., where they begin their training in special service for the defense of this country against the Huns. For the first time in many weeks a band has been in attendance. It was the Barre pipe and drum band which played several selections because one of their number, Andy Falconer, was leaving in the Washington county contingent. The members of the local board of this county and M. C. Knight of the Orange county board were present to see the boys go away. All of the Orange county contingent reported, but Blaine Martin of Barre did not appear. He is given 48 hours, after which he will be classed as a deserter.

There were 40 in the Washington county contingent and 16 Orange county men.

One of the number going was Lars Christenson of Barre, who has most of the time since he registered been lost to the local board. He sent a card from Philadelphia, without his signature, early when examinations were taking place and a local board in that city located him for this board. He was rejected on physical disability. He came to Barre recently and remedied eye trouble and was then lost again. His notice sent out last week returned unclaimed, but Wednesday afternoon he appeared, asking to go. He was told that, being a Danish subject, he did not have to, but said he wanted to get into the war and was, therefore, present, and went this morning with the contingent.

One of the things which appealed to the persons at the station was the appearance of the arm bands. The man in charge has a band above the elbow on his right arm, while his assistants have a band below the elbow on the same arm. The men under their care have a band on the left arm. Those in charge of the party have the initials of special police on the hands, while the bands are marked with U. S. N. A. for United States national army.

Those going from Washington county were: Ralph White, Calais; Alex. Ahlin, Barre; Ira Abbey, Barre; David M. Barrett, Cabot; Michael Roskr, Barre; Nathan B. Benedict, Barre; Albert Bertland, Barre; Forrest C. Bruce, Montpelier; Charles F. Byron, East Montpelier; Oswald E. Cardini, Barre; Lars P. Christenson, Barre; Elbert B. Colburn, Montpelier; Valentine C. Corliss, Fayston; Warren J. Cummings, Barre; Giuseppe Delica, Northfield; Vittore Domini, Waterbury; William L. Durkee, Waterbury; Fred G. Erskine, Roxbury; Andrew D. Falconer, Barre; Charles I. Harroun, Plainfield; Jason H. Johnson, Plainfield; Horace F. Johnston, Barre; Ralph W. Johnson, Middlesex; Robert M. Keniston, East Calais; Gordon H. Lee, Waitsfield; William McRitchie, Barre; Raymond E. Norton, Berlin; Zeebel Pellegard, Barre; Ralph D. Perry, Plainfield; James K. A. Phillip, Barre; Giuseppe G. Purcell, Barre; Edward P. Ring, Waterbury; William Rudd, Barre; Leon H. Spaulding, Roxbury; John F. Stewart, Barre; Kenneth W. Stimson, Roxbury; Harry A. Tatso, Warren; Guy T. Vitaliano, Barre; Errol R. Wilcox, Montpelier; Joseph Zanoloni, Barre.

Those from Orange county were: Lee A. McDuffie, Bradford; Herbert D. Dowse, Bradford; Charles Grant, East Corinth; Ernest Flanders, Orange; Norman W. Barrett, Bradford; Mark J. Onedlo, Bradford; Carl A. Wainwright, Randolph; Glenn O. Morrill, Tunbridge; Edwin W. DeBolis, Wells River; Olin E. Lufkin, Barre; Raymond E. Howard, Wells River; Eddie M. Brown, Corinth; James J. Mayette, Wells River; Nelson F. Lamb, Wells River; George A. Scrimgeour, Bradford; Arthur H. Battles, Randolph.

DEATH OF PETER BARCLAY.

Had Been a Granite Cutter in Barre for Many Years.

Peter Barclay, for many years a Barre granite cutter, passed away at his home on east hill Wednesday noon. He had been in declining health for several months. Mr. Barclay leaves his wife, who was Miss Sophia Beattie before their marriage 24 years ago, and seven children, as follows: Andrew James Barclay, who left yesterday for Camp Devens, only to be recalled by tidings of his father's demise; Peter Alexander Barclay, William George Barclay, Annie Sophia Barclay, John Beattie Barclay, Isabella Jane Barclay, and Charlotte and Nellie Magdalene Barclay. Three sisters, Miss Charlotte Christine Barclay, Mrs. William McQueen and Mrs. William Glenzie, and a brother, James Barclay, reside in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. There survive also three brothers in America, John Barclay of Schenectady, N. Y., and Andrew and Robert Barclay of Barre.

The deceased was born in Ardlair, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in 1822, and came to America in 1888. While pursuing his trade in stonecutting, he was an employee of Barclay Bros., but abandoned his occupation four years ago in favor of agricultural pursuits. Mr. Barclay possessed a retiring disposition, but was highly esteemed by many friends.

The funeral will be held at the house Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Edgar Crossland, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. Interment is to be made in the family lot at Hope cemetery. It is requested that flowers be omitted.

TO HAVE CHARGE OF FOUR-MINUTE SPEAKERS.

J. G. Brown of Montpelier has been appointed to take charge of the four-minute speaker campaign in Vermont in place of Mason S. Stone of Montpelier, a Republican candidate for lieutenant-governor of Vermont.

BOMB PLANTED
FOR REVENGE

Explosion in Chicago Federal Building Is Laid to I. W. W. Sympathizers

FOURTEEN SUSPECTS WERE ROUNDED UP

Four Persons Were Killed and More Than 30 Were Injured

Chicago, Sept. 5.—Fourteen men were rounded up as suspects in an all-night search following the explosion of a bomb yesterday in the federal building which killed four persons, injured more than thirty others and did considerable property damage.

"We believe we are now close to the person responsible for the outrage," Acting Division Chief Philip J. Barry of the department of justice said to-day. "We have descriptions from various witnesses who saw the man believed to have exploded the bomb, and these descriptions tally."

Secret service officers and the police worked on the theory that the explosion was the act of members of sympathizers of the I. W. W., in revenge for the recent conviction of ninety-three of their members before Judge Landis.

The fact that the bomb was placed near a large radiator and close to the wall of the building at the Adams street entrance is believed to have caused its force to be expended backward and downward, probably saving the lives of many who were in the interior of the postoffice. The four persons killed were near the Adams street entrance, just outside, where they were found the bodies of three of the victims—a girl entering the building, a Great Lakes jockey, also about to enter, and a mail carrier on his way to work. The fourth victim, a mail carrier, was leaving the building, having just finished work.

CHECKLIST SHOWS
LARGE REDUCTION

Largely Because the Names of the Women Were Stricken Off—Total for Use at Primary Is 2,123.

Fewer by a rising 450 are the voters who may exercise the suffrage in the primaries next Tuesday. Figures compiled by City Clerk James Mackay as the result of final changes made by the board of civil authority at its meeting last evening show that 2,125 voters are entitled to a ballot in the primaries, as against the 2,588 whose names appeared on the checklist used in the spring elections. The shrinkage is due in large part to the defection of women voters, who were privileged to vote in the city election, although the prerogative is denied them in the primaries. Their absence from the polls Tuesday will contribute very largely to the deletion of 465 persons eligible to vote in March, although removals have made unusually heavy inroads on the new checklist.

The final meeting for the revision of the checklist was held in the court room at city hall, F. G. Howland presiding. Eight members were present and in the course of a brief session 26 changes were ordered, most of them being deletions. Before adjournment two vacancies in the list of election officers were filled. Earle R. Davis, who is a candidate for state attorney, will not serve as ballot clerk, and in his stead the name of J. E. Roberts was added. In the fifth ward Thomas Carroll is to serve instead of J. B. Sanguinetti, who was appointed an assistant ballot clerk.

Gauging their predictions by the present apathy in state and local politics, local observers are prophesying that less than 50 per cent of the registered voters will participate in the primaries. It is even believed in some quarters that the actual vote will not exceed 40 per cent of the registration. Polling places are to be established in the customary voting quarters in the six wards.

Comparative tables, showing the number of voters who may take part in the primaries, the registration of last spring, and the defection in each ward, are given below:

GOOD CROWD AT RUTLAND.

Two Racing Events Were Decided in Straight Heats.

Rutland, Sept. 5.—Twelve thousand persons saw the races at the Rutland fair yesterday. Two of the events were won in straight heats. The 2:11 pace was won by Michigan King, after Fred W. had captured the first heat. The summary:

2:20 Pace—Purse, \$500; won by Northern Direct (Bulkley); Don McKinney (Martin), second; Robert W. (Whitcomb), third. Best time, 2:15½, by Northern Direct.

2:11 Pace—Purse \$500; won by Michigan King (Sunderlin); Fred W. (Weeks), second; Helen March (Whitcomb), third. Best time, 2:12½, by Fred W. and Michigan King.

2:30 Trot—Purse \$300; won by Junior Dillard (Page); Mac B. (Daly), second; Molly Mc (McCarthy), third. Best time, 2:24½, by Junior Dillard.